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SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 20.

ANOTHER TEST BY FIRE.

Naturally there was a panic yesterday afternoon when flames were discovered in the big Perceval apartment house. The time will never come when an alarm of fire in a big building occupied by many people will fail to affect the nerves of those persons who are in the structure.

But the ninety people who were in the Perceval when the alarm was given all got out safely. The building seems to have been provided with ample fire-escapes, and the stairways, which would around iron elevator ways, would not, it seems, have furnished a climbing center for the flames even had it not happened that the fire started among the upper floors.

Indeed, from all the evidence presented in the stories of the fire, the Perceval appears to have been as safe a building as the provisions of the present law call for. But this fact and the contrast between the scenes of yesterday and those at the Hotel Roror must not be allowed to produce a reactionary effect on the awakened public sentiment for stronger laws on fireproof structures and on better safeguards and escapes from fire.

Because a building has been found which stood rather fairly a little test in a daytime fire, it is not to be thought for an instant that efforts can be allowed to lapse towards bringing all similar buildings to the highest approximate condition of safety by day or night.

It is man's public that a young wife has gone back on the man she married because of the discovery that he has one artificial eye. Yet it is related in the files of a once popular song that one certain possessor of a glass eye ranked high as "a bully boy."

Six Baltimore School Board men spending one day of official inquiry in Washington ran up an expense bill of \$100, of which \$102 was for dinner. The public trough in the Board City must be none too large if its official appetites are all of a measure.

It would appear that Minister Roror's resignation has been offered by everybody except the gentleman himself. Pending his own act in the matter, he is likely to remain on duty in Paris.

A reformatory for women in New York or Kings County, such as the Sulzer bill is meant to provide, would meet one of the great and growing needs of the metropolitan district.

What a pleasant picture President Howell's plans for ideal New York and Brooklyn bridge terminals present to the mind's eye.

Let the country hope fervently that none of its Congressmen junketing in Chicago may be lost in the great city's prairie lands.

Telephone subscribers' demands for a cheaper "Hello" may be expected to raise a "how-d'ye-do" among the companies.

Billy McGloory, full penalty, minus \$20 of the fine. Tom Stevenson, full penalty. Are the rest of the outlaws looking?

In extending the force of the Exclusion bill the United States Senate merely imitates that the Chinese must stay gone.

At least, the man who wants the earth, can't be accused of fixing his desires on anything "out of sight."

The lobster grows still scarier and smaller. Who shall be king of shell-fish when this one disappears?

"He who by the blow would thrive" and every practical politician knows and heeds the rest.

Albanyward the course of State politics takes its way for the next few days.

THE CLEANER.

Among the newspaper publishers attending the meeting at the Holland House is W. A. Magee, of Pittsburgh. He is a brother of C. L. Magee, the Republican boss in Western Pennsylvania. W. A. Magee has developed the same tact and genius for leading men as his distinguished relative, and he is a good newspaper man besides.

The flooring of the athletes' dressing-rooms, under the grand stand of the Manhattan Athletic Club grounds in West Fifty-sixth street, was torn up recently, and a miscellaneous assortment of articles was found, including which was a package of old love letters, said to have been written by a well-known society girl to an ex-champion athlete. There is much speculation among the members not in the secret as to who the athlete is, and many have tried upon "Lion" Myers as the owner.

Among the public-works at the funeral of Capt. "Burr" Connor in St. Louis yesterday was Theatrical Manager Henry E. Abbey. Mr. Abbey was one of the late hotel man's closest friends, and was a familiar figure in the St. James Hotel corridor during Capt. Connor's reign.

C. Morgan McIlenny has won the William T. Evans prize for the best picture at the American Water Color Society's exhibition. Mr. McIlenny is thirty-five years old and lives in Scrub Oaks, Westchester County. His picture is called "Old Friends" and represents an old man and a white horse standing in a pasture. The coloring is soft and delicate, and altogether one of the finest water-colors I have ever seen.

McAllister's Too Little Census.

New York society is much excited over Ward McAllister's reduction in the number constituting it. Porter's census was too much to stand, but this, they claim, is too little.

GREPE DE CHINE HOUSE GOWN.

Made with an Embroidered Front of White Watered Silk.

Frappe Velvet Jackets—Other Notes from the Fashion World.

A lovely house gown is a crepe de Chine of France, made by a light embroidered front of white watered silk, having a few folds at the side, and a sash of blue velvet. This ribbon passes through an opening and is fastened at the back under the corset. The waist is gathered at the neck and under the bust, and the skirt is full and falls in deep folds. The front is of cream lace and runs into the crepe de Chine jacket garnishing the fronts. The neck is cut out and trimmed with a ruffle of white silk muslin, scalloped. The sleeves are of crepe de Chine, having three folds on the upper arm and are set off with a deep blue ruffle, which falls in pleats when the arm is lowered.

A gold-sipper is accounted for from the fact that this peculiar style of house gown is said to go well with any and every evening gown. Many of the dancing shoes are so fashioned that only a gleam of gold is seen through the perforated top.

Frappe velvet is the rich fabric of which a stylish jacket is made, the design being pearl gray and the ground of velvet. A novel feature is a raised undergarment of velvet, to which the front is attached, with the jacket proper over it. The sash is of black satin. The back of the jacket is cut with ample lapels, which is very full below the waist. The fur is a soft gray fleece, and the pascamentary and buttons are of silver and gold. The exquisite coloring of the jacket is carried out by a velvet in a half of changeable velvet, gray with violet reflections, bordered with black velvet. The apron and fasteners are also black.

The coming spring promises to be a better season in millinery, and features will be very springily used.

There are thirty-three new sketches in the New York Women's Press Club.

No woman in Mr. Daly's theatre is allowed to be a member of a club. That very successful and far-sighted manager makes no exception in all his company, having long-suffered athletes, brooding, society, the forces of science, now industry, and comrades as well as sororists and Twelfth Night.

If a girl does not know what colors are unbecoming, it will pay her to seek advice of a disinterested woman of taste. Very often the photographer is a good man to talk to when hints are wanted; as is a dressmaker, but milliners are not to be depended upon, their aim being to force a sale if need be.

Mrs. Roror seems to be the keynote for plump and evening gowns, the latter not rivaling the long-worn transparent materials.

The Be Roske brothers are two soldiers who will not be limited or put off by society women. The older brother is the head of a family and spends much of his time playing tag or horse with his children. His brother, the actor, is simply too busy to do anything that interferes with his personal comfort. All the cards and letters of invitation he receives are used as lighters when he smokes. Not long ago he lit a cigarette with a check for \$2,000, that came in a video-sentenced ticket from a society leader about to give a musicale.

It will be, from the Holland House.

If the men who have been appointed to investigate the Pension Bureau are slow and honest, their report should be one of the most interesting documents of the era.



Rev. James P. Stone of Dover, Cal., formerly of Dalton, N. H.

A Faithful Pastor

Is held in high esteem by his people and his order is often referred to as a spiritual father. His name is James P. Stone, of Dover, Cal., formerly of Dalton, N. H.

He was born in 1810, and was educated in the common schools of his native State. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was ordained a minister in 1835.

He has been a faithful pastor for many years, and is well known to his people. He is a man of great piety and is much loved by his flock.

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ART IN COOKING.

Mrs. Roror's Charming Illustrated Lesson to a Brooklyn Class.

How to Draw Chickens Without Soiling the Fingers.

Hints on Larding Beef and Preparing Soups.

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